

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

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STARR INDEMNITY & LIABILITY CO. a/s/o Williams-  
Sonoma, Inc.,

Plaintiff,

18 Civ. 8474

-against-

**VERIFIED  
COMPLAINT**

M.V. MAERSK GARONNE, her engines, boilers, etc., and  
A.P. MOLLER – MAERSK A/S trading as MAERSK LINE,

Defendants.  
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Plaintiff, by its attorneys, NICOLETTI HORNIG & SWEENEY, alleges upon information and belief, as follows:

**FIRST:** All and singular the following premises are true and constitute admiralty or maritime claims within the meaning of Rule 9(h) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and within the admiralty and maritime jurisdiction of the United States and of this Honorable Court.

**SECOND:** At and during all the times hereinafter mentioned, Plaintiff had and now has the legal status and principal office and place of business stated in Schedule A, hereto annexed, and by this reference made a part hereof.

**THIRD:** At and during all the times hereinafter mentioned, Defendant A.P. MOLLER – MAERSK A/S trading as MAERSK LINE had and now has the legal status and office and place of business stated in Schedule A, and was and now is engaged in business as a common carrier of merchandise by water for hire, and owned, operated, managed, chartered and/or otherwise controlled the M.V. MAERSK GARONNE as common carrier of merchandise by water for hire.

**FOURTH:** At and during all the times hereinafter mentioned, the M.V. MAERSK GARONNE was and now is a general ship employed in the common carriage of merchandise by

water for hire, and now is or will be during the pendency of this action, within this District and within the jurisdiction of this Honorable Court.

**FIFTH:** On or about the date and the port of shipment stated in Schedule A, there was shipped by the shippers and delivered to Defendant and the said vessel, as common carriers, the shipments described in Schedule A then being in good order and condition, and Defendant and the said vessel then and there accepted said shipments so shipped and delivered to them, and in consideration of certain agreed freight charges thereupon paid or agreed to be paid, agreed to transport and carry the said shipments to the port of destination stated in Schedule A, and deliver the same in like good order and condition as when shipped, delivered to and received by them, to the consignee named in Schedule A.

**SIXTH:** Thereafter, the said vessel arrived at the port of destination and thereafter Defendant made delivery of the shipments, but not in like good order and condition as when shipped, delivered to and received by them, but on the contrary, seriously injured and impaired in value by reason of the matters and things stated in Schedule A, all in violation of Defendant's and the said vessel's obligations and duties as common carriers of merchandise by water for hire.

**SEVENTH:** Plaintiff is the duly subrogated insurer of the consignees, shippers and/or owners of the shipments described in Schedule A and brings this action on its own behalf and as agent or trustee on behalf of and for the interest of all parties who may be or become interested in the said shipments, as their respective interests may ultimately appear, and Plaintiff is entitled to maintain this action.

**EIGHTH:** By reason of the premises, Plaintiff has sustained damages, as nearly as the same can now be estimated, no part of which has been paid by the Defendants although duly demanded, in the sum of at least \$260,135.00.

**WHEREFORE**, Plaintiff prays:

1. That process in due form of law may issue against Defendants citing them to appear and answer all and singular the matters aforesaid;
2. That if Defendants cannot be found within this District, then all their property within this District as shall be described in Schedule A, be attached in the sum of \$260,135.00, interest thereon and costs, the sum sued for in this Complaint;
3. That Judgment may be entered in favor of Plaintiff against Defendants for the amount of Plaintiff's damages together with interest and costs and the disbursements of this action;
4. That process is due form of law according to the practice of this Court in causes of admiralty and maritime claims, may issue against the M.V. MAERSK GARONNE, her engines, boilers, etc., and that all persons having or claiming any interest therein be cited to appear and answer under oath, all and singular the matters aforesaid, and that this Court will be pleased to pronounce judgment in favor of Plaintiff for its damages as aforesaid, with interest, costs and disbursements, and that the said vessel may be condemned and sold to pay therefor; and
5. That this Court will grant to Plaintiff such other and further relief as may be just and proper.

Dated: New York, New York  
September 18, 2018

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**SCHEDULE A**

**Plaintiff's Legal Status and  
Office and Place of Business:**

Plaintiff, STARR INDEMNITY AND LIABILITY COMPANY, was and now is a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of one of the states of the United States, with an office and place of business at 399 Park Avenue, Second Floor, New York, New York, 10022.

**Defendant's Legal Status and  
Office and Place of Business:**

Defendant, A.P. MOLLER – MAERSK A/S trading as MAERSK LINE, was and now is a corporation or other business entity organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of Denmark, with an office and place of business located at 50 Esplanaden, DK-1098, Copenhagen, Denmark, and a local office located at 180 Park Avenue, Building 105, Florham Park, New Jersey 07932.

Date of Shipment:	December 2017
Port of Shipment:	Shanghai, China
Port of Discharge:	Houston, Texas
Bills of Lading:	MAEU580034110; MAEU586625031
Vessel:	M.V. MAERSK GARONNE - Voyage No. 752E
Carrier:	A.P. MOLLER – MAERSK A/S trading as MAERSK LINE
Consignee:	Williams-Sonoma Singapore, Pte. Ltd.
Shipment:	Furniture; linens
Containers:	MRKU2469480; MSKU9244512
Nature of damage:	Non-delivery
Amount of loss:	\$260,135.00
NH&S Ref:	28-254

VERIFICATION

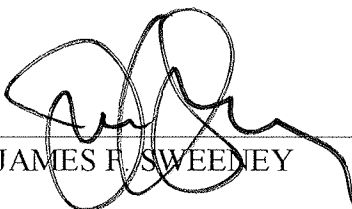
STATE OF NEW YORK     )  
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COUNTY OF NEW YORK    )

JAMES F. SWEENEY, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

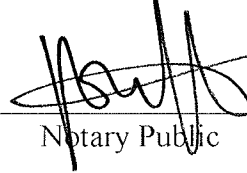
That he is an attorney admitted to practice before the Courts of this State and a member of the firm of NICOLETTI HORNIG & SWEENEY attorneys for Plaintiff herein.

That he has read the foregoing Verified Complaint and knows the contents thereof and that the same is true to his own knowledge, except as to the matters therein stated to be alleged on information and belief and as to those matters, he believes them to be true.

Deponent further says that the sources of his information and the grounds for his belief as to all matters therein stated to be alleged on information and belief, is derived from documents, records, correspondence and memoranda of Plaintiff concerning the matters set forth in the Verified Complaint in the possession of deponent.

  
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JAMES F. SWEENEY

Sworn to before me this 18th day of  
September 2018.

  
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Notary Public

